

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-3(canceled)

Claim 4(currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) ~~a nucleotide sequence that encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;~~

(b) a nucleotide sequence ~~nucleic acid molecule~~ consisting of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID No: 1;

(c) a nucleotide sequence ~~nucleic acid molecule~~ consisting of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID No: 3; and

(d) a nucleotide sequence that is completely complementary to a nucleotide sequence of (a)-(c).

Claims 5-7(canceled)

Claim 8 (Previously amended) A nucleic acid vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 4.

Claim 9. (original) A host cell containing the vector of claim 8.

Claim 10- 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (currently amended). An isolated ~~polynucleotide~~ nucleic acid molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 26 (currently amended). An isolated ~~polynucleotide~~ nucleic acid molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3.

Claim 27 (previously presented). A vector according to claim 8, wherein said vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid, virus, and bacteriophage.

Claims 28-29 (canceled)